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Fort Pierce Holiday Spirit Lights Up Marina Square and Tree

The upcoming Downtown Fort Pierce holiday season looked bleak for the traditional Christmas tree, lights and decorations with budget cutbacks. However, with sponsorship assistance from Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. and other public donations, the City will retain some of the holiday spirit residents and visitors annually have come to enjoy.

Waste Management, Inc. donated \$3,500 for the City's Christmas tree in the roundabout located at Avenue A and Indian River Drive and donations for the Marina Square Holiday Lights came from Fort Pierce South Beach Association \$1,000; Ann Vogel \$100 and Dale & Pam Custis \$50 to offset the \$49,145 total expense.

The 100,000 red, green and white lights and music display runs nightly from 6-10 p.m. December 4–January 2, 2012 and will begin with the tree lighting at the end of the Christmas Parade on Sunday, December 4, 2011.

"Let's not let the Grinch (budget cuts) steal Christmas, states Mayor Benton. We hope the same generosity and compassion from the community will help bring joy to thousands through our annual Christmas beautifications. Any donation will be magical in making this a joyous season."

Donations are accepted by Main Street Fort Pierce, Inc. 772-466-3880 or the City of Fort Pierce City Manager's Office, City Hall 772-460-2200 x377.

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